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Filed: November 19, 2001 )  
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MANUFACTURING METHOD )  
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**MPEP 2001.06(C)**

In accordance with the provisions of MPEP 2001.06(c) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Patent Office's attention is directed to ongoing litigation between the Applicant in the subject application, Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd. ("SEL") and Acer Incorporated, Acer America Corporation, and AU Optronics Corporation ("Acer"). This litigation, Case No. C 02-02800 WHA, is ongoing before the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division.

In a complaint filed June 11, 2002 and an amended complaint filed June 28, 2002, the Applicant of the subject application, SEL, has asserted infringement of one or more of U.S. Patents 6,355,941; 6,404,480; 6,404,476; and 5,929,527. U.S. Patent 6,404,476 is in the family of the subject application. More specifically, the subject application is a divisional of application serial number 08/962,448, which issued as U.S. Patent 6,404,476.

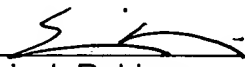
Acer Incorporated, Acer America Corporation, and AU Optronics Corporation have each filed Answers to the above complaints, copies of which are enclosed herewith and listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner. The Examiner's attention is specifically directed to the invalidity contentions included in the Third Affirmative Defense (paragraph 34), the Fourth Affirmative Defense (paragraph 35) and the First Count of the Counterclaims (paragraphs 50 and 51).

These documents were filed September 24, 2002 and thus in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(2) it is certified that no item of information contained herein was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and no item of information contained herein was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner carefully review this information and return an initialed copy of the attached PTO Form 1449 to the undersigned evidencing such consideration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

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